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Culpeper, Virginia. Aerie and Auxiliary #4551 were initiated on Jan. 19, 2019.

Eagles Welcome First New Aerie & Auxiliary of 2018-19 Fraternal Year

Initiated on January 19, 2019, Culpeper Aerie and Auxiliary #4551, is the newest addition to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in the state of Virginia.

The idea of starting a new Eagles club in Culpeper came about after researching and recognizing a need in the area.

Auxiliary Secretary and organizer Mary Wilson said that to spread the word, they had set up a table at their local flea market. The organizers also tried to raise awareness of the organization by word of mouth, attending Town Council meetings, putting a notice in their local newspaper, and using social media to gain traction from prospective members.

According to Wilson, the people in Culpeper have a big heart for giving and are interested in helping their community.

"Before we were even instituted, we had donated to Salem Fire Department and did a canned food drive for the local food bank. We also had seven families

participate in Trunk - or - Treat to giving out candy to the kids. Each of these events just gets the word out more," Wilson said.

Since there is no physical location as of yet, members would meet at Pepper's Grill. While in the beginning attendance was low, more people slowly gained interest and started to bring their friends.

"Culpeper is a tight knit group. What really gave us the push we needed was an offer from New Market Entertainment. They were instrumental in promoting the Eagles with membership," Wilson said. "New Market Entertainment agreed to pay the charter fee and membership dues for one year for 75 new Aerie applications and 75 new Auxiliary applications. We were able to get our applications needed in a short time."

During the institution, there were 103 Aerie charter applicants and 83 Auxiliary charter applicants.

Members Encouraged to Renew Early To Save On Reminders

All members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are encouraged to renew their dues before May 31, 2019, to avoid the possibility of losing their membership status for the 2019-2020 fraternal year.

Paper dues reminders will be mailed to each expiring member in April, May and June. To avoid your Aerie or Auxiliary being charged for these reminders, dues should be renewed no later than March 25.

The Membership Department is encouraging all Aeries and Auxiliaries to hold Early Bird contests or provide incentives to have dues renewed prior to March 25 to save on dues reminders and ensure a properly retained membership roster heading into the new year.

Those who have not paid by May 31 have 30 days to renew their membership or they risk losing access to protection for their families through the Fraternal Order of Eagles Memorial Foundation, access to membership benefit savings on car insurance, home insurance, life insurance, travel insurance, car rentals, hotels, cruises, identity theft protection, access to our roughly 1,400 clubs across North America, the ability to attend International Convention and more.

If you have questions about how you can motivate your Aerie or Auxiliary to renew their dues prior to the deadline, please contact the Membership Department at membershiphelp@foe.com or via phone at 614-883-2162.

2019 Convention Corner

If you are planning on attending this year's Fraternal Order of Eagles International Convention, in Louisville, KY, July 6-11, a limited number of rooms are still available. Visit foe.com for updated room details.



Advertising space in our 2019 Program Book is also now available. You can choose between a Full Page - 7.5" x 10.25", Half Page - 7.5" x 5.12", Quarter Page - 3.75" x 5.12", or Eighth Page - 3.75" x 2.62". Pricing will vary depending on if you purchase an ad during the early bird period (March 1-31) or after March 31 at normal rates.

Ad submission guidelines are as follows: all photos submitted must be original photos or electronic files, electronic files and ads must be a resolution of at least 300 dpi, and no laser copies or printed pictures will be accepted. Please send all electronic submissions to marketing@foe.com.

Interested in becoming a convention Vendor? Know another business or individual who would? Call or email the Grand Aerie Marketing Department for pricing and booth reservations at 614-883-2210 or marketing@foe.com. Completed ad and payment must be submitted between March 1 and March 31 to receive early bird pricing. All other ads and payment must be submitted before April 30.

All payments may be sent to:

Grand Aerie Fraternal Order Of Eagles
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Top Producers/ New Leaders

for January 2019

Aerie:

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|---------------------------|----|
| 1. #2681 Kirkland, WA | 69 |
| 2. #4264 New Market, VA | 55 |
| 3. #2809 Gig Harbor, WA | 51 |
| 3. #486 Coeur D'Alene, ID | 51 |
| 5. #741 Columbus, IN | 42 |

Auxiliary:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. #4273 Okahumpka, FL | 34 |
| 2. #2914 Odesa, TX | 31 |
| 3. #3433 Spokane Valley, WA | 28 |
| 4. #493 Connellsville, PA | 25 |
| 4. #4089 Port Orange, FL | 25 |

Aerie (Individual):

- | | |
|-----------------------|----|
| 1. David Pearce | 22 |
| Ashland, OH #21789 | |
| 2. Mark Korn | 20 |
| Woodinville, WA #2681 | |
| 2. Daniel Sipes | 20 |
| Columbus, IN #741 | |
| 2. Don Purtlebaugh | 20 |
| Columbus, IN #741 | |
| 5. Sandra Blackwell | 19 |
| Wahoo, NE #2971 | |

Auxiliary (Individual):

- | | |
|------------------------|----|
| 1. Brandie Dewey | 18 |
| Edinburgh, IN #741 | |
| 2. Melissa Hiles | 16 |
| Odessa, TX #2914 | |
| 3. Ida Baysinger | 10 |
| Connellsville, PA #493 | |
| 3. Cindy Ramirez | 10 |
| Odessa, TX #2914 | |
| 5. Angela Daup | 9 |
| Grand Blanc, MI #2460 | |



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We Are People Helping People

Florida

- New Smyrna – Edgewater Eagles #4242 donated \$3,000 to the AdventHealth New Smyrna Beach Foundation to support their cardiac care, cancer services and diabetes programs. #4242 donated an additional \$4,000 to two other charities during this month as well.

Massachusetts

- Hillcrest Eagles #747 made a \$600 donation to the Montachusett Suicide Prevention Task Force. They were able to raise the money from their Halloween Bash held last October. The money will be used to help fund a myriad of suicide prevention programs and educational opportunities.

Michigan

- Over the past few months Leprechaun Eagles #4082 has made multiple charitable contributions to different organizations; they gave \$1,500 to the foster kids in Lapeer county, donated \$800 to the Marlette Hospice Center, and during the holidays #4082 held a benefit for three charities which included Justice for Lily, Holiday Depot, and the Shriners. From the live auction and donations from the Aerie, Auxiliary, and Eagle Riders, they were able to raise \$4,300 for Justice for Lily, a pickup truck full of toys and \$740 went to the Holiday Depot, and the proceeds from a mitten, scarf, and hat tree sales went to the Shriner children.

- Oscoda Eagles #4237 hosted a baby shower for Carol's Baby Pantry. The gifts they were able to collect included 2,069 diapers, 1,916 baby wipes, 15 pairs of boots, 43 pairs of socks, 50 books, 28 sleepers, 5 winter coats, and 2 snow suits. More donations contained clothes, crayons, food and formula, a \$100 gift card from Family Fare and a \$225 donation from the Oscoda Eagles. #4237 was also sponsoring a Soup Cook Off that day where all members and guests enjoyed 11 different types of soups, sandwiches and salads provided by the club.

The Baby Pantry was founded in 2002 by Carol Schmidt. Carol passed away a few years ago and the name was changed to "Carol's Baby Pantry," to honor her memory and her dedication to the communities' young families.

Oregon

- During the year of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018, East Portland Aerie #3256 collected food for the Oregon Food Bank. They were able to donate 4,839 lbs. of food, which equals out to 4,025 meals. The Aerie beat their 2017 record by

Wisconsin



- The Viroqua Eagles #2707 were honored with the Inaugural Outstanding Community Organization Award by the Gundersen Medical Foundation. The award recognizes area groups that distinguish themselves through their compassion and commitment to helping others through their philanthropic support. Since 1975, the Viroqua Eagles have raised money for cancer research during a week of fundraising that included a meatball dinner, lumberjack breakfast, raffle, auction and telethon. Through the generous support of the community and Eagle members, \$589,800 has been donated to the Gundersen Medical Foundation Cancer Research. Orris Pederson, a 71-year Eagles member and former Cancer Telethon chair, was on hand to receive the award.

172.5lbs. Food Bank Chairperson Maggie Boaz has been a member of the auxiliary for 38 years and said this is a large feat for this smaller Aerie.

Washington

- Cle Elum Auxiliary #649 and members of the Eagles Craft Club based at Cle Elum donated \$1,000 to the Open Clinic, where they provide free health care, mental health care, and dental services to the residents of Kittitas County in Washington State.

Wisconsin

- Merrill #584 donated ninety-four pounds of non-perishable food to the Merrill Food Pantry. The food was collected in December and at the Aerie/Auxiliary joint Christmas party.

- During Merrill Eagles #584 Christmas party, Les Sabatke presented grants from the Grand Aerie in the amount of \$1,000 to both the Enrichment Center and Haven. #584 also distributed a \$1,000 check to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight program. They raised those proceeds from their first annual Prime Rib Challenge. Additionally during the Christmas party, Boomer Memorial Raffle Chairman, Bryan Plautz presented a \$500 check to the Lincoln County Respite Program. The Respite program

began eleven years ago in honor of Mary Geiss and is designed to support the caregivers of disable children. #584 also made a \$500 donation to the Children's Miracle Network during the party.

- Merrill Eagles #584 presented \$700 to Cheryl Coyer for Quilts of Honor, which is a nonprofit that provides handmade quilts to veterans and active military members.

- Pete McConnell of Praire River Middle School accepted a \$500 donation from Merrill Aerie #584 representative and Chairman of the Boomer Memorial Raffle, Bryan Plautz. McConnell wrote a grant that started the "Freedom Pens" project in January of 2017. Eighth grade students volunteer their time after their normal school hours to turn pens that are then provided to each Veteran on the "Never Forgotten Honor Flight". Each pen bears the name of the student manufacturer and includes a personal note from the student thanking the Veteran for their service.

CORRECTION

- In the August 2018 issue, we omitted Dallas Auxiliary #3108 as winners of the Adult Variety Category. Congratulations to the ladies of Dallas #3108.

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Culpeper Auxiliary President Shaney Rollison was very excited to learn about the new location opening and said she is elated to have been given the opportunity of being the first Madam President for their Auxiliary.

She is new to the F.O.E. but has previously volunteered at another local veterans organization for five years, where she held different officer positions in that Auxiliary. She wanted to join the F.O.E. because of all the good things she has heard, and feels comfortable using her talents and experience to help #4551 grow as an Auxiliary to reach its full potential.

"I hope to foster a culture of working together for the great cause of providing for those less fortunate in our community - not just one certain group of folks in need, but providing for many different groups," Rollison said.

While the Aerie and Auxiliary are new in Culpeper, Rollison thinks having a presence in Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. will help with membership growth in the neighboring communities.

"We will offer people a place to have a good time with our dances and other events that are open to the public. For those who like to volunteer to help others in need, we are here with that purpose and look forward to having them join us to give us their time," Rollison said.

Getting the Aerie and Auxiliary up and running took a collaborative effort from members in the Virginia State Aerie, along with help from Aerie secretary and organizer Robbie Wilson.

He has been a member for more than 30 years and has sat in every officer seat during that time. He hopes to assist the other officers in learning about the ways of the Eagles, and strongly believes in the F.O.E.'s Rituals, Constitution, and Statues.

Wilson said the next major priority will be finding the Aerie a permanent home, and hopes in doing so, #4551 will gain more attention to bring in more new members from the community.

News & Notes

Message from the Grand Secretary

ALL Aeries are required to send Trial Committee decisions to the Grand Secretary's Office as soon as possible following any final decisions. A copy signed by the members of the Trial Committee should be sent to the Grand Aerie Attn: Grand Secretary's Office. We have had several issues in recent months with decisions being sent in several months after rulings, which is in violation of the laws of the Order. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Per **Section 85.1** of the Grand Aerie Constitution & Statutes: Local Secretaries are required *"to notify the Grand Secretary forthwith of the expulsion of any member and the cause thereof; to notify the Grand Secretary forthwith of any officer removed from office by the Trial Committee and to perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Laws and usages of the Order."*

Compete to Win A \$3,000 Children's Grant

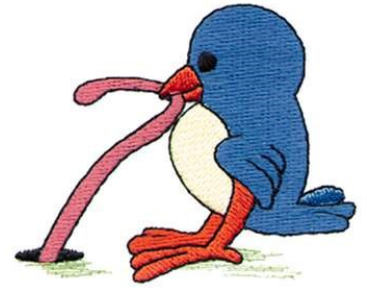
If you've held an event catered toward children or plan to hold one before May 31, submit your event for consideration in this year's contest. Entries for the 2019 Children's Day competition are due to the Grand Aerie by June 22. The winner will receive recognition at the 2019 International Convention, our website and the Soar newsletter as well as a \$3,000 grant from the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund for a local children's organization of their choosing. Download the official entry form on foe.com on the Children's Day page.

Younger Eagles Membership Drive

We encourage all members, from the months of January to March, to focus on bringing in new members ages 18-40. The more members you can recruit, the more chances you have to win big! You will receive one entry for each member, ages 18-40, that you sign up during this three month period. For more information on this membership drive, contact membership@foe.com or call 614-883-2162.

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Early Bird Ideas

Below are IDEAS that Aeries and Auxiliaries have used to entice members to pay early! If your Aerie/Auxiliary by-laws provide for special membership programs, you can vote at a regular meeting to run an Early Bird special. Please remember, the Aerie/Auxiliary will still be responsible for any/all per-capita tax as well as any membership charges.

Have an incentive for members who pay before a certain date, enter them into a drawing or contest and any Early Birds (those who pay their yearly dues by a certain date) get put in for prize to be determined by the Aerie/Auxiliary!

Hold a 2 for 1! Announce to your members that if they pay for their membership before a certain date, they will get 2 years for the cost of one!

Have a "buddy" contest, if you pay for your membership before a certain date, March 1st for example, you will get your membership dues and a friends dues for half price! (Basically offering a 1/2 price membership)

Offer a discount to all members who pay before a certain date! The discounted amount to be decided by the Aerie/Auxiliary.

2019 Program Book Advertising Form

2019 Grand Aerie & Grand Auxiliary International Convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles July 8 - 11, 2019 • Louisville, Kentucky

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March 1-31 April 1-30 Non-Member

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page - 7.5" x 10.25" | \$500 | \$525 | \$750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half Page - 7.5" x 5.12" | \$275 | \$300 | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter Page - 3.75" x 5.12" | \$200 | \$225 | \$400 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Page - 3.75" x 2.62" | \$150 | \$175 | N/A |
- (Photographs can not be printed in eighth-page ads.)

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- 10' x 10' space with one 8' x 18" table with two chairs
- Half-page ad in the Convention Program book
- One item and one flyer (if desired) to be distributed with the Program Book at Registration
- Recognition on www.foe.com and in our Convention e-newsletter as an official Convention sponsor
- Convention-branded signage featuring your name and logo to be displayed at your table

..... Contact Information

Please print or type.

This section must be completely filled out for us to process your order.

Contact _____

Address _____

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You are hereby authorized to place our advertisement in the program to be issued in connection with the 2019 International Convention. I understand that no proofs will be provided.

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Completed **AD AND PAYMENT** must be submitted between March 1 and March 31 to receive Early Bird Pricing. **ALL OTHER ADS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE APRIL 30.**